Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban
Registered Charity Number: 234091

Year C – Sunday 23rd November 2025
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

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Saturday 22nd November	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions Liam Doran RIP	**St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**
Sunday 23rd November **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **4.00pm** **Shared Buffet**	Morning Prayer Teresa Hurley RIP (1st Anniversary) People of Our Parish **Vespers – 75th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church**	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
Monday 24th November	9.30am	Holy Souls	**St Andrew Dung-Lac and the Martyrs of Vietnam** **Psalter Week 2**
Tuesday 25th November	**NO MASS**		
Wednesday 26th November	9.30am	Holy Souls 75th Anniversary of the blessing and opening of the Church	
Thursday 27th November	9.30am **10.00am-12Noon**	Holy Souls **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 28th November	9.30am	Eileen Maguire RIP	
Saturday 29th November	5.45pm 6.00pm-6.20pm 6.30pm	Evening Prayer Confessions People of Our Parish	
Sunday 30th November **PARISH HALL**	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer Deceased Members of DaCosta Family RIP & DeSouza Family RIP Mary Dolan RIP **Sofiyah Russo**	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

PARISH HALL: The Parish Hall is open after the Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

CONFESSION: Please note Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER: Please note Morning Prayer this week Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.50am followed by Rosary – All welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the prevention of suicide.
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions moved for unforeseen reasons (e.g. funerals) will be honoured on another day. Please provide contact details when requesting intentions and check the weekly newsletters.

RIP: Please remember all who have died recently especially Rod Mason. Please keep Rod in your prayers and keep his wife Eileen and family in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

KATHLEEN TERESA HURLEY 'TESS' RIP: Please remember Teresa/Tess in your prayers and keep her family especially her daughter Ann (Harrison) family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they lovingly gather this weekend at Sacred Heart to honour Teresa/Tess on her first anniversary.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr Allan or telephone/email the Parish Office.

THURSDAY CLUB: Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea **every Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

BOOKING OF SACRED HEART HALL: If you wish to book the Parish Hall for a function, please email: **hallbookings.sacredheartofjesus@northamptondiocese.org** (Note this is a new email address.)
An acknowledgement email will be sent and then a discussion regarding availability and fees can commence with Wesley Weekes, Hall Manager.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Our Lady Help of Christians on the **6TH December 10.00am-4.00pm and Sunday 7th December 2.00pm-4.00pm**. Saturday – hear the choirs. Sunday, have a picture with Santa. £2.00 entry – proceeds will support the work of Noah and the Luton Food Bank. See Poster.

BETHANY MASS: Thank you to all who attended the recent Bethany Mass and to those who helped serve refreshments in the Hall. The next Bethany Mass will take place at Sacred Heart on **Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm**. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. All welcome!

A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE: Organised by Young @ Heart Café a Christmas Carol Service on **Saturday 6th December – 2.00pm-4.00pm at St John's Church** – car parking available. Free refreshments provided afterwards in St John's Parish Centre, Sundon Park Road, Luton LU3 3AL.

MESSAGE OF THANKS: Fr Allan would like to sincerely thank all who expressed their good wishes on his birthday, sent birthday cards and/or gifts. Your kindness is most appreciated. Please be assured that he will remember you all in his prayers.

VACANCY PARISH SECRETARY: Parish Secretary to provide administration support to the parish of St Margaret of Scotland, Luton. The role will be for 7 hours per week, ideally worked Tuesday and Friday. Flexible working pattern to be agreed.
Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting
https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs
All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to:
hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org
This vacancy remains open until the position is filled.

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH: To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church there will be Vespers at **4.00pm** followed by a plate to share on **Sunday 23rd November** in the Parish Hall. All welcome. Thank you to all who have donated raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase in the Parish Hall on the 23rd November.

LUTON FOODBANK: Would like to thank Sacred Heart Parishioners for their continued support and generosity. The Foodbank has seen a big increase in the number of people needing their support. One way in which you can help is to join the Reverse Advent Calendar. Details in Foodbank Newsletter **https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/luton-foodbank-newsletter-october-2025/**
Please view a copy of the Reverse Advent Calendar on the Noticeboard. If you wish to participate then please take a Reverse Advent Calendar home.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: Monday **24th November at 7:30pm**. *Disrupted by Grace,* week 1, with Dr Jessie Rogers and Dr Avril Baigent. This Advent, we will explore the theme *"Disrupted by Grace"* by delving into the stories of some of Jesus' more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1. We begin on Monday 24th November by unpacking the story of Tamar and exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more and register here: **https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5keWxms715U

LITURGY OF THE WORD ZOOM SESSIONS FOR 2026: The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word:
A series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team – **next session Wednesday 15th January 2026** – Ordinary Time up to Ash Wednesday.
Future sessions in 2026: Wednesday 11th February, Wednesday 8th April, Wednesday 8th July, Wednesday 9th September, Wednesday 11th November.
Each session runs from 7.30pm-8.30pm Cost: No charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing
deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org
Full details on the Poster displayed on the Noticeboard.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 16th November 2025 Loose cash £270.15; Envelopes £548.20; Total: £818.35 Thank you.

Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at:
https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: November dead list envelopes are available in the Church Foyer. Please place in the envelope the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Once completed, please return envelope to the Church or post envelope through the Presbytery letter box. Your donation may also be placed in the envelope. Thank you.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026: If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you must apply for a school place **by 15th January 2026. You can apply online at luton.gov.uk/school admissions** (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)
To get an information pack or to ask for further information and advice please contact: Admissions Team, Children, Families and Education Directorate, Luton Council, Town Hall, George Street, Luton LU1 2BQ. Telephone: 01582 548016 or email: **admissions@luton.gov.uk**

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025: Mary Maybury would like to invite those on their own or unable to prepare a full Christmas Dinner to a 4 course Christmas Dinner at:
St John's RC Church Hall LU3 3AL on Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December, 1.30pm-5.00pm.
Cost: Donations only. Transport will be provided if there are enough volunteers who can provide transport.
Please contact Mary on 07866 989254 to book your place. (See Poster on the Noticeboard.)

DOUBLE YOUR LOVE FOR MARY'S MEALS THIS CHRISTMAS!
From 10th November, donations made to Mary's Meals will be **doubled** by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.1 million! This means your kindness will go even further and Mary's Meals can reach even more hungry children with a life-changing school meal. Millions of children are still waiting for Mary's Meals, unable to go to school because of poverty and hunger. Those that do attend are often too hungry to learn. With your support, more and more children will wake each morning knowing they will eat a good meal today – and have hope for a brighter tomorrow. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Double The Love, a donation of **£19.15** will feed **two children**. Together, through Double The Love, we can turn hunger into hope for many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. Visit:
https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/double-the-love

SUPPORTING THE JUBILEE FOR PRISONERS – A CALL TO ACTION: In the lead-up to the Jubilee for Prisoners on 14th December, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is delighted to share a new Call to Action Guide, developed in response to last year's Bishops' Conference publication *Remember Me*, which explores the realities of the criminal justice system in the UK. Documents can be found here **https://www.csan.org.uk/news/responding-to-remember-me-a-call-to-prayer-reflection-and-action/** The *Remember Me* Call to Action guide is designed to empower parishes and individuals to discern practical ways to support people with convictions and the wider communities affected by the criminal justice system. It includes a variety of practical ideas and suggestions to help each parish respond to this important call to accompany and support those in need.

VACANCY – EXAM INVIGILATOR - CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Exam Invigilators are required to supplement an experienced and committed team of public examination invigilators. This team invigilate public examinations at GCSE and GCE (Advanced) Level and are required to be available primarily during May and June but also at other examination periods throughout the year. Working hours are flexible. Morning sessions begin at 08:30am and afternoon sessions may not end until 5.00pm. For more information and to apply, please see our My New Term webpage **https://mynewterm.com/jobs/142310/EDV-2025-CNCSSSC-91753**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: As from January 2026 we would like a Rota to be set up with volunteers to make/serve teas/coffees after the Sunday 11.00am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to gather after Sunday Mass but the facility is not being utilised as it should be. Without more volunteers we cannot continue to offer this service. So please email the Parish or speak to Wes if you are able to help out on a regular basis and are happy to have your name put forward to be added on a Rota. **We need more volunteers!**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
James Foley 1953; Henry Madden 1974; Charles Morris 1987; James Keenan 2000;
Paschal Kearney 2000; Philip Glover 2005; Kathleen Boston 1994; Michael McCallig 2001;
Thomas Fagan 2004; Dominic Vicente 2013; John Fitzsimmons 1969; Franci Anthony Mcalliney 2020;
Maria Aradi 1978; Margery McGrath 2000; David Christie Mulhall Barber 2016;
Steven Anthony Frederick Riley 2023; Baby John McGettigan 1964; Winifred Whittaker 1994;
Antonio Barbato 1994; Mary Hay 1998; Veronica West 2003; Kathleen Teresa Hurley 'Tess' 2024;
Denis Roache 2005; Giuseppe Gristina 2024; Alfred Barnes 1959; Delores Rodriguez 1969;
Peter Lyons 2022; Annie Mulholland 1971; Kate Fagan 1978; Thomas Brewerton 1999;
William John (Billy) Purcell 2016; Bridget Walsh 1959; Mary McLoughlin 1969; Mary Dolan 1988;
Theresa Caldbeck 1991✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**

PARISH REGISTRATION: To complete your parish registration, please use the QR code on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable)